

ANN LANDERS



Scream Like an Eagle

Dear Ann Landers: Church leaders, the Supreme Court, and spokesmen for civic groups are busily condemning dirty books and magazines while the radio continues to blast forth rock and roll music with the filthiest lyrics that ever fell on human ears.

Nobody seems to be doing one thing about it. Do the airwaves belong to the disc jockeys alone? What's wrong with our parents? Have they gone stone deaf?

The other evening I heard a few unbelievable verses about a girl and boy who were making out in a drive-in movie when they fell asleep. The cops came and oh well — you get the idea. I couldn't believe my ears so I bought the record and it was all there.

And then there's another song called, "They're Coming To Take Me Away—Ha Ha." I don't think that record is one bit funny, especially for folks who have relatives in mental hospitals.

It's getting so I don't want to turn on the radio anymore. Our children are only 3 and 5 and I hope the airways are cleaned up before they are old enough to understand some of these lyrics.

Is there something we mothers can do about this? — RED WHITE OR BLUE?

Dear Red: You bet! You can scream like an eagle and I hope you will.

I am bored with that old line, "We must give the people what they want." There are millions of people who DON'T want trash and I'm for letting the people in charge know it.

Dear Ann Landers: I am not even a teenager yet but I have a big problem. Can you help me?

Ever since I was born I have not kissed anyone, not even my parents. Some of my friends have noticed this and have asked me about it. I am very embarrassed because I don't know what to tell them. Most kids get kisses from their moms and dads but I never got any. I feel funny when an aunt or someone bends down for me to kiss them because I just can't make myself do it. We end up rubbing cheeks.

Can you explain what is the matter with me? Is there any cure for my problem?—WORRIED GIRL

Dear Girl: Some families are very demonstrative and others are not. Your parents probably kissed you when you were younger but you don't remember.

The time to "cure" the problem is now—before it becomes a serious hangup. Here is my suggestion: Start kissing your doll good-night when you put her to bed. After a week or so, kiss your parents good-night. A cheek kiss is best. Once you break the ice with your parents you will not feel funny when your other relatives kiss you.

Confidential to ALL KIND-HEARTED EMPLOYERS WHO OFFERED TO HIRE MEN WITH PRISON RECORDS: Will you please send me your name and address and the name of your firm? There are many ex-convicts who desperately need jobs. You can help restore these men to responsibility and usefulness.

"The Bride's Guide," Ann Landers' booklet, answers some of the most frequently asked questions about weddings. To receive your copy of this comprehensive guide, write to Ann Landers, in care of the Press-Herald, enclosing a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and 35 cents in coin.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the Press-Herald, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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Seven Teachers Join ECC Staff

Four new instructors in the Division of Humanities and three new instructors in the Division of Natural Sciences have been added to the faculty of El Camino College for the coming year.

The four new faculty in humanities will all teach in the field of English, according to Harry L. Ruby, dean of the division.

William B. Carnahan, who will substitute for Sydney Moehman for the coming year, has taught at Bellflower and Elsinore high schools and has taught evening adult classes at Harbor College. He received his bachelor's degree from California State College at Long Beach and his master's degree from California State College at Los Angeles.

Mrs. Evelyn E. Coady was graduated from Colorado State College and earned her master's degree at San Jose State College. She has previously taught at Fort Gaines High School, Fort Gaines, Ga., and at the University of Southern California.

COMING TO El Camino from Westminster High School is Mrs. Diana Driskill, who received her bachelor's degree from USC and her

master's degree from UCLA. With degrees from Stanford University and Whittier College, Miss Nancy L. Lewis comes to El Camino from Arcadia High School where she was a member of the faculty for seven years.

The Division of Natural Sciences, headed by Carl Meadows, dean, adds three new instructors to its roster: two in the area of life science and one in nursing.

BARBARA ROWDEN, who will be substituting for nursing instructor Virginia Thompson, during the fall semester, received her bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University and her master's degree from the University of Maryland. She has been an instructor at UCLA and at the John Hopkins School of Nursing in Maryland.

The two new life science instructors are Dr. James T. Rozolls, who will teach biology and physiology, and J. Richard Shelton who will teach biology and zoology. Rozolls received his degrees from UCLA and was a teaching assistant at that university during the past year. He formerly taught at Lincoln Junior High School in Santa Monica.

Rafferty Quizzes Regan, Brown

Six specific questions dealing with California education have been posed by Dr. Max Rafferty, superintendent of public instruction, in letters sent today to Governor Brown and his GOP opponent in November, Ronald Reagan.

Dr. Rafferty, citing his obligation to plan ahead for California education in his capacity as elected state superintendent of education, asked for specific answers, saying "a generalized state of beneficent intentions will be of little help."

Rafferty's specific questions to the two candidates were made public this morning. He asked:

(1) If elected governor in November, will you give leadership and support to legislation designed to increase the

percentage of state money allocated to help local school districts, while at the same time giving relief to the local real property taxpayer?

(2) If elected governor in November, will you give leadership and support to legislation designed to amend A. B. 145 (Unruh) in such a way as to:

(a) Give more power to local county redistricting committees to decide matters of district unification, and less power to the State Board of Education?

(b) Eliminate the requirement to unify along existing high school boundary lines?

(c) Eliminate the compulsory and expensive two-

year voting requirement?

(3) If elected governor in



DR. MAX RAFFERTY
He Has Some Questions

November, will you appoint future members of the State Board of Education either from the ranks of distinguished present or past members of local school boards or from those of our citizens who have a long and noteworthy acquaintance with the problems of education prior to their appointment to the State Board of Education?

(4) If elected governor in November, will you require from your appointees to the State Board of Education a pledge that they will abstain completely during their term of office from engaging in such political activities as using their nonpartisan position as a springboard to run for political office or to act as campaign managers or direc-

tors for other political candidates?

(5) If elected governor in November, will you meet with the University of California Regents and exert the leadership necessary to persuade them to adopt regulations which will prevent treasonable and immoral conditions from existing within the University?

(6) If elected governor in November, will you lead a statewide attempt, using every legal means at your disposal, to stem the rising tide of obscenity in California, as evidenced by the growing number of filthy books, pornographic motion pictures, and indecent stage presentations to which the state's children are being exposed?

Some Pitfalls Mark Path of Tax Revolt

By PHILIP E. WATSON
County Assessor

Our new policy of mailing individual notices of assessed property taxes, in addition to publishing such changes in the community papers, has galvanized

groups throughout the county.

Some of these groups have long been working for lower property taxes. Their efforts receive little attention except when the annual delivery of property tax bills in

November brings heated protest from property owners

whose taxes have gone up. Other groups are new. Their effectiveness will depend in large part on whether they have responsible leaders who are sincerely in-

terested in informing themselves and their members on how the property tax structure works, where it needs to be changed, and what steps can be taken to change it.

UNFORTUNATELY, some of the directions being taken can at best only delude sincere citizens and, at worst, could result in losing one's home.

Calls for a tax strike, for example, are clearly irresponsible. True, if everyone refused to pay his taxes, government would come to a halt. School would close, police and fire protection would break down, General Hospital would lock its doors, our

water taps would go dry.

This is anarchy. Is this what the people are advocating a strike really want?

THE TAX strike leaders advocate putting the tax money into a savings account where it would draw interest while waiting for taxes to be reduced. At first hearing, this has an appealing sound. But the trouble is, it won't work.

First of all, with so many demands being made on people's pocketbooks from sudden and unexpected expenses, even if the money went into a savings account, the temptation to withdraw it in the face of need would be almost irresistible. Then there is the tax money coming from to redeem your property?

SECOND, what if you want to sell your property and the taxes are unpaid? Property taxes are the primary lien against your home. Until taxes are paid, title cannot be cleared.

Third, suppose you pay your property taxes through your lending institution, making monthly installment payments to cover interest, principal, taxes, etc. Will your mortgage company allow you to postpone your tax payments?

Fourth assuming no mortgage and the money safely tucked away in the bank, the mathematics are all wrong. There is a six per cent penalty for late payment the first year; after that interest is charged at the rate of one per cent a month the second year and one-half of one per cent a month thereafter. Interest earned would by no means cover the amount needed to redeem one's property.

ANOTHER PROTEST group is circulating petitions demanding instant reduction in taxes.

Again, this is an appealing idea. But how can it work?

Taxes depend on the budgets that are voted by the hundreds of various taxing districts in the County. These budgets have already been approved. Depending on the

size of the budget, a tax rate is set. These tax rates have already been set. They cannot be un-set now.

The other element in the property tax structure is your assessment, against which the tax rate is applied. Your assessment is set at 25 per cent of the market value of your property.

IT IS POSSIBLE to appeal for a reduction in your assessment, if you have good reason for believing that our market value appraisal is high. But the appeals boards can only judge the value of your property, not the size of one's tax bill.

Another so-called "leader" demands that property not be assessed in relation to its fair market value. But he doesn't say what standard should be substituted.

Obviously, we must have a standard for valuing property. The State Constitution says the standard must be full cash value, which the courts have ruled is the same as fair market value.

BUT EVEN if we were to substitute some other standard, what difference would it make when the standard is applied to all property? The result would have to be that some property is more valuable and some less valuable than other property.

Some leaders single out the assessor or the Board of Supervisors or other public officials as their targets. But the assessor has no voice on any budget — he is only responsible for assessing property at 25 per cent of its market value. And no single public official who does vote on a budget can be held responsible for your tax bill.

So we come back to what's really wrong with the property tax today.

THE ANSWER is that it's too high. And the reason it's too high is that we are financing too many governmental costs — primarily school costs — out of property tax, without any overall limit on how high it can go.

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CAMPAIGN EVENT . . . Dr. Don Cortum, Republican candidate for Congress in the 17th Congressional District, gets some help from Virginia Jones (left) and Shirley Newton to promote a Las Vegas Night which will be held Saturday at Torrance Republican

Headquarters, 1426 Cabrillo Ave. An informal night of eating and dancing is planned. Funds raised at the event will be used to finance Dr. Cortum's campaign for Congress.

College Registration

To Close Next Monday

Last day to register for fall classes at El Camino College will be Monday Sept. 12, which is also the day classes begin for the fall semester.

Regular registration closed Sept. 2.

Registration times for late registering students will be 12:30 to 2 p.m. and 5:15 to 7:15 p.m., according to Lec M. Christian, dean of admissions.

Regular registration closed Sept. 2.

"Students who register this late should expect classes at the more desirable hours to be closed," Christian said.

"However, many classes will still be available to students registering on the 12th."

The late registering period is primarily a convenience for vacationing students, or those who work right up to the beginning of school," Christian added.

No students will be allowed to register after next Monday's deadline.

Prospective students are encouraged to pick up a reservation to register in the admissions office prior to enrolling for classes.

COUNT MARCO

Douse Those Flames for Sure

I've had many requests from anxious mothers of teenage daughters for more information on discouraging teenage marriages.

So be it. This additional advice should preclude any marriages of convenience made necessary through having been unnecessarily indiscreet.

Here are two solid ways to thwart Miss Little Nobody bent on elopement, and/or forcing her third finger, left hand into marriage because her stupid "girl friends are doing it."

The opportune time to administer the antidote for elopement fever is the first time you catch her lowering her voice to a confidential whisper in a conversation with someone.

Brew yourself a pot of coffee because you're going to need it to steady your nerves. Invite her into your twosome kaffeeklatch to discuss the birds and bees and beasts—calmly, intelligently, and brutally.

You'll be surprised how easy it is to discourage a girl from eloping. Tell her the following and mean it: "If you have any idea of eloping with some boy, don't do it because you think we'll disapprove of your marriage. We promise to heartily approve. In fact, why elope? Let us give you a nice wedding with all the trimmings."

Her little mind will start marriage grinding through all the boys she knows who just might be too stupid to resist a dare. Pour her a cup of coffee, because this is when she will need it. Then you kindly say: "However, my child, whether through elopement or clergy you manage to become a Mrs., BE YOU NO LONGER WILL, BE MY OR YOUR FATHER'S RESPONSIBILITY. AND DON'T THINK FOR ONE MINUTE WE'RE GOING TO FORGET IT, EITHER!"

You will belong to your husband. He takes over where your father leaves off. Do not imagine you can continue under this roof or drag him

into the picture. We may have lost a daughter, but we have no intention of gaining another big mouth to feed.

"He'll probably have to quit school to support you, and with his limited education it is improbable he will be able to buy you the clothes you're so used to, let alone pay for rent, food, utilities and the car."

NOW COMES THE CLINCHER: "Your husband will expect you to move in with his mother, once he finds out he's not going to move in with your mother."

As you refill her cup you may rest assured she has got the picture: Future mother-in-law has already expressed a dislike for that "little slut" who's trying to take her son away from her by getting him into trouble. Living under her roof is about as discouraging a picture as she can imagine.

You'll have to repeat this threat about every three weeks—the time that elapses between teenage romances.